

### *Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. *(Currently amended)* A ~~computer-implemented~~ method for restricting use of a clipboard application by a method, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first, source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge, wherein said determining is performed by one or more computers; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second, destination application via the clipboard application ~~when the determining determines if it is determined~~ that the source file is a secured file.

2. *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application.

3. *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 2, wherein the paste selection requests to paste the designated content to a destination file that is opened within the destination application.

4.       (*Currently amended*) The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 2, wherein the copy selection is a copy command, and wherein the paste selection is a paste command.

5.       (*Currently amended*) The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 1, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is a secured file based on security information provided by the first, source application.

6.       (*Currently amended*) The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 5, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

7.       (*Withdrawn*) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

          storing blank content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

8.       (*Withdrawn*) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7, wherein said preventing comprises:

          storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

9.       (*Withdrawn*) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 8, wherein said method further comprises:

          receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the blank content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

10.     *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 1, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content if it is determined ~~when the determining determines~~ that the source file is a secured file.

11.     *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 10, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined ~~when the determining determines~~ that the source file is not a secured file.

12.     *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 11, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the predetermined content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined when ~~the determining determines~~ that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined when ~~the determining determines~~ that the source file is not a secured file.

13.     *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing scrambled content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

14.     *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

15.     *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the scrambled content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

16. *(Currently amended)* A ~~computer-implemented~~ method for restricting use of a clipboard application, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first, source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge, wherein said determining is performed by one or more computers; and

preventing subsequent storage of the designated content to a second, destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined ~~when the determining determines~~ that the source file is a secured file.

17. *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 16, wherein the method further comprises:

storing alternate content to the clipboard application in place of the designated content if it is determined ~~when the determining determines~~ that the source file is a secured file.

18. *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 17, wherein the alternate content is one or more of blank content, predetermined content, and scrambled content.

19.     *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 17, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

          permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined ~~when the determining determines~~ that the source file is not a secured file.

20.     *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 16, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

          permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined ~~when the determining determines~~ that the source file is not a secured file.

21.     *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method recited in claim 20, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is a secured file based on security information provided by the first, source application.

22.     *(Currently amended)* The ~~computer-implemented~~ method as recited in claim 21, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

23 - 39. *(Canceled)*

40.     *(Currently amended)* A computer readable ~~storage-medium~~ having computer program code ~~recorded-stored~~ thereon, that if ~~when~~ executed by a processor, causes the[[a]] processor to restrict use of a clipboard application by a method, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source  
file being displayed by a first, source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured  
file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second,  
destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined ~~when the~~  
~~determining determines~~ that the source file is a secured file.